

Appl. No. 10/011,867
Amdt. dated Jan. 6, 2004
Reply to Office action of Oct. 6, 2003

REMARKS

A response to the final Office Action dated October 6, 2003 was filed within two months of the final Office Action. That response has not been entered.

The Advisory Action dated December 23, 2003, indicates that claims 4, 5, 13, 14, and 23-43 would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims. Claims 1, 2, 6-11, 15-20, and 22 remain under rejection. Claims 3, 12, and 21 have been withdrawn from consideration.

The purpose of this amendment is to cancel all non-allowable claims 1-3, 6-12, and 15-22 and to amend claims 4, 5, 13, and 14 as proposed in the non-entered response. As a result, remaining claims 4, 5, 13, 14, and 23-43 are allowed or respectfully considered allowable.

This Amendment is being filed as a request for continued examination pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.114. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the amendment above and consider the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement.

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CONCLUSION

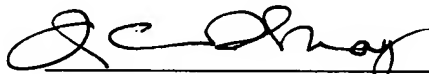
Applicants submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below or the attorney of record in this case.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 29912.705.201).

Respectfully submitted,

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